

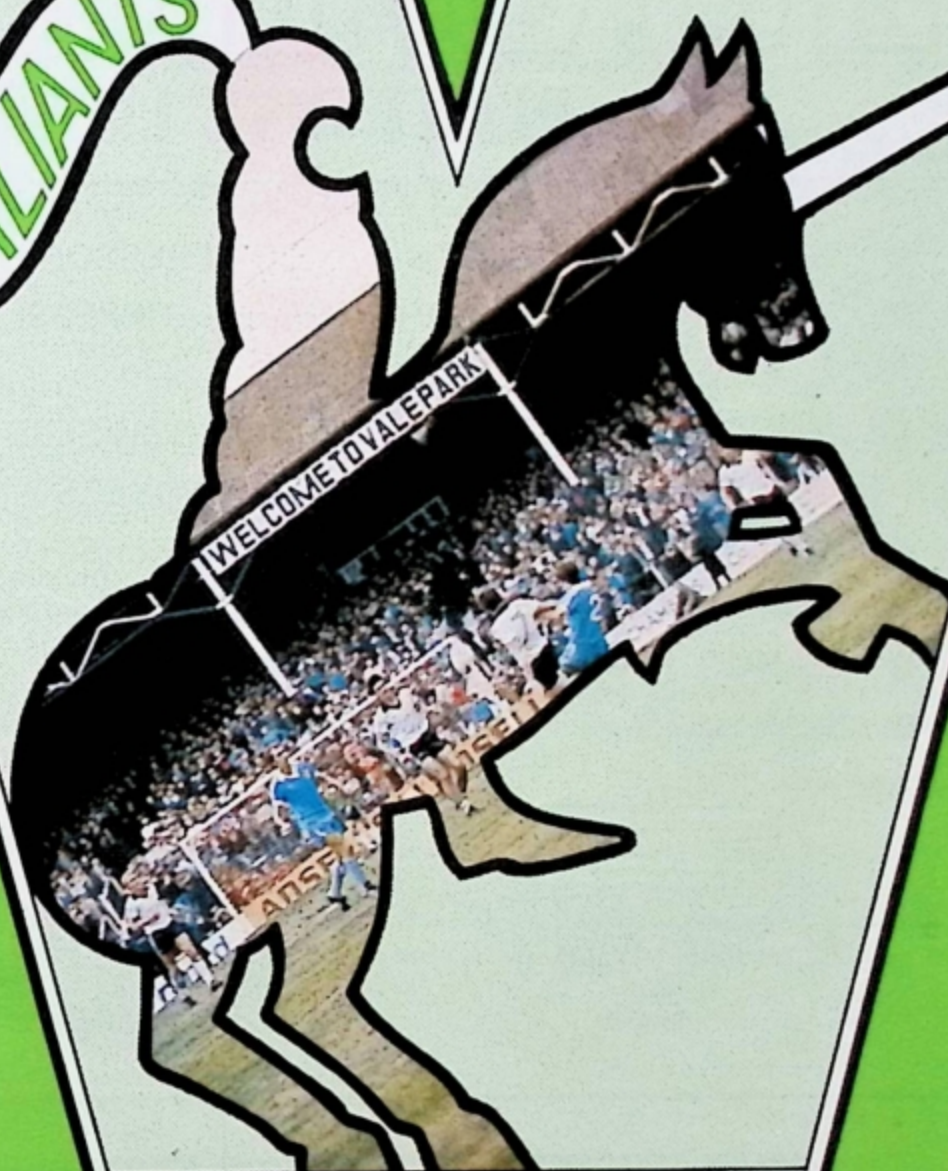
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Manager's Viewpoint

Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is enjoying their Easter break and that this afternoon's game will add to that enjoyment. It is fair to say that the Easter programme is a make or break time for most clubs. This tends to have the affect that some clubs go off the boil, e.g., Liverpool, due to the continual pressure of matches. The standard of several first division games that I have seen recently makes me very aware of this. All that the clubs seem interested in is gaining results, the way that they go about obtaining the result is irrelevant. We too, are in this position since our league position at the end of the season is the most important single factor to us.

I would like to close by wishing Barry and Elaine Chawner congratulations on the recent birth of their son. Barry is well-known to everyone behind the scenes for his efforts on match days.

John McGrath



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Inside Vale Park

Club Secretary

We hope that today's fixture with Wigan Athletic will see a continuation of the exciting matches between our two clubs since Wigan's recent election to the Football League. Wigan's attendances are a credit to the 4th Division and their success epitomises the case that certain other non-league clubs could put forward for election at the end of this season.

Junior supporters are reminded that their open day takes place at Vale Park on Wednesday, 9th April. Everyone attending is asked to meet outside the main offices at 10.30 a.m.

All season ticket holders entering the ground today will have been issued with a savings card and the relevant instructions. Anyone requiring further details should telephone 814134. You are reminded that the last date for the reduced price season tickets this year is the 31st May.

Following publication of the results of the Northern programme Centras Annual Programme Awards, we are pleased to announce that this programme has been placed fourth in our Division. We hope that you have enjoyed reading the programme this season. Next season, we hope to make further improvements and who knows - we may finish in No. 1 position next year. **Andrew Waterhouse**

Commercial Manager

I am happy to announce that the trip to Torquay last weekend was a great success. Our party, which included the promotions department, supporters and friends left Vale Park by a luxury coach at 7.00 a.m. on Saturday morning, arriving at the Livermead House Hotel at noon. The weather on arrival was bright and sunny, enabling everyone to have a leisurely afternoon, followed by dinner in the hotel at 5.45 p.m. We then had plenty of time for our short coach ride to the match which kicked off at 7.30 p.m. By 9.45 p.m.

we were all back in the hotel bar celebrating our well earned point. After breakfast on Sunday we had another leisurely morning including a coach trip to Paignton and Brixham. Lunch was taken at the hotel before boarding our coach at 2.00 p.m. for the journey home. We arrived back at Vale Park at 6.45 p.m.

I am sure I speak for everyone in the party when I say that we had an excellent weekend and I hope that it will be possible for me to arrange many more such trips next season.

Roy Cope

Supporters Club News...

The Quizball team have drawn Hamilton A. in the semi-finals of the National Championships.

Manchester United Football Club's five-a-side finals will take place at Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester on the 27th April. A coach will leave Vale Park at 10.30 a.m. Details for both the above from Bill Lodey.

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Date	Opponents	Venue	F	A	Goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
AUG.	11 TUNNERS R.	H			3,213	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	18 TUNNERS R.	A			4,008	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	20 NEWPORT C.	A			2,274	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	M. Ch'n	Stenson	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
SEPT.	7 HARTLEP L.	H			2,528	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	14 PETERBORO	A			4,535	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	15 NORTH TON	H			2,847	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	22 HARTLEP L.	H			4,754	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	23 HARTLEP L.	H			2,835	Cighton	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
OCT.	3 SHADPOLE	H			4,385	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	10 NEWPORT C.	A			3,727	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	13 HARTLEP L.	H			2,818	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	20 DARLINGTON	H			4,990	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	21 WALSLEY	A			2,860	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
NOV.	3 NEWPORT C.	A			1,788	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	10 HALTAX	H			2,540	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	17 TORQUAY	A			4,973	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	23 DON R.F.A.C.	H			2,462	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
DEC.	1 YOKING	A			12,705	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	21 SOUTH TON	A			3,453	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	28 ALDERSHOT	H			2,875	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
JAN.	12 DONCASTER	A			3,217	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	25 PETERBORO	A			1,368	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
FEB.	2 NORTH TON	A			1,143	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	9 NORTH TON	A			3,702	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	20 CREWE	H			6,655	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
MAR.	3 HARTLEP L.	H			3,702	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	8 WALSLEY	A			2,752	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	15 LINCOLN C.	A			2,983	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	22 HALTAX	A			2,563	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	29 TORQUAY	A			3,347	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
APR.	1 PUNSM TOW	H			2,347	Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	7 VIGAN	A				Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	12 BOURNEMOUTH	A				Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
MAY	18 YORK CITY	A				Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall
	25 DONCASTER	A				Dance	Keenan	Bentley	Beech	Delgado	Hawkins	Tully	Elsey	Wright	Owen	Healy	Woodall

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THE MANAGER

IAN McNEILL

After services with Aberdeen as a youngster, Ian moved into English league football with Leicester City, Brighton and Southend United. Joined Ross County in the Highland League as the Manager and later Wigan in the Northern Premier League. Ian has already won the 'Bells' Manager of the Month Award on two occasions.

PLAYERS PEN PICTURES

JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper). John saw service with Preston North End and Stockport County before joining Wigan Athletic. With over 170 league appearances behind him, he gives stability and experience to a Wigan defence which is noted for its difficulty to break down. Enjoyed a highly successful year in 1978-1979.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield). Player of the year in the eyes of the Wigan supporters for the past two seasons, and runner-up in last year's Fourth Division Player of the Year competition, Tommy is a vital cog in Wigan's team play. Released by Tranmere in 1974, he has matured into one of the best midfield players to wear the Wigan shirt in post-war years.

COLIN METHVEN (Defender). Wigan's costliest ever signing, in October, from Scottish League Club East Fife for a £30,000 fee. After a very brief settling-in period, Colin was given the captaincy of the side, which he leads by example. Good in the air and a strong tackler, he loves to push forward in support of his attack and, from time to time, poaches a vital goal.

NEIL DAVIDS (Defender). Big Neil has seen service with a number of clubs at Football League level, and has become a popular figure with the Wigan fans following his arrival from Swansea City last year. Strong, rock-like figure, Neil brings determination to the defence.

FRANK CORRIGAN (Midfield). Frank made 50 appearances last season in Division Four, to add to the wealth of non-league experience

gained principally with Northwich Victoria and the Wigan club. Always at his best when pushing forward in support of the attack, Frank is a constant source of danger with his strong running, delicate passing and crisp shooting ability.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield). An ever-present, with 51 appearances in the 1978-79 season, Jeff has been a consistent performer for the Wigan club. On his day, one of the most gifted ball distributors in the Fourth Division. Jeff also has the knack of scoring vital goals, and never looks out of place in higher company. A player to watch for the future.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward). A strong, aggressive striker, who was unlucky with injuries in 1978-79. Nevertheless, Peter scored 14 goals in 31 appearances, attracting the interest of higher graded Football League clubs.

GEORGE URQUHART (Midfield). Signed recently for a nominal fee from Ian McNeill's old club, Ross County, George is a talented addition to Wigan's midfield strength. A player who loves to attack, but who can also win the ball, he had the reputation of being one of the best Scottish non-league players. Saw some service with St. Mirren, and has adapted quickly to full-time training with a Football League club.

DAVID SHEARER (Forward). On loan from Middlesbrough, Dave scored a hat trick when the 2 sides met at Springfield Park. A strong, hard running goal poacher.



BACK ROW (left to right): Noel Ward, Ian Purdie (now Portsmouth), Derek Brownbill, John Brown, Bob Ward, Kevin Smart, Mike Quinn, John McDermott.

CENTRE ROW (left to right): Duncan Colquhoun (Physiotherapist), Joe Hinnigan (now Sunderland), Jeff Wright, George Urquhart, Nigel Hart, Neil Davids, John Curtis, Frank Corrigan, Peter Houghton, Dave Fretwell, Kenny Banks (Trainer).

FRONT ROW (left to right): Tommy Gore, Alan Crompton, John Wilkie, Ian McNeill (Manager), Mr. A. O. Horrocks (Chairman), Micky Moore, Mark Wignall, David Glenn.

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AUG. 18	BRAD C RS. H	1	1	8	LIV'PL 'A' A	2	2	28	CHESTER A	2	4
21	ST'HPRT RS. H	5	0	15	LIV'PL 'A' H	1	1	29	MAN. U. 'A' H	2	2
25	CHESTER 'A' H	1	0	21				31	WREX'M RS. A	.....	.....
SEPT. 1	C'LISLE RS. A	2	1	26	BRAD C RS. A	0	4	APRIL 4	MO'CMB RS. A	.....	.....
8	ALT'HAM RS. H	2	1	28	ST'KPRT 'A' A	P	P	5	MAC'FLD RS. H	.....	.....
16	CREWE 'A' A	2	2	29				7			
22	ROCHD'LRS. H	2	0	JAN. 1				8	BURNLEY 'A' A	.....	.....
29	MAN. C. 'A' A	2	1	12	CREWE 'A' H	4	0	10	ST'KPRT 'A' H	.....	.....
OCT. 6	ALT'HAM RS. A	1	1	25	MO'CMB RS. H	0	1	12	O'HAM RS. H	.....	.....
13	WREX'M RS. H	1	1	29	BURNLEY H	2	1	18	TRANM' RS A	.....	.....
20	EVERTON 'A' A	2	0	FEB. 9	BOLTON 'A' A	5	3	23	WIGAN RS. A	.....	.....
27	TRAN'M RS H	1	1	11	C'LISLE RS H	2	3	26	WIGAN RS. H	.....	.....
NOV. 3	MAN. U. 'A' A	0	5	14	BOLTON 'A' H	3	2	30	ST'PRT RS. A	.....	.....
10	EVERTON 'A' H	1	0	23	MAC'FLD RS. A	2	1	MAY 3	O'HAM A RS. A	.....	.....
DEC. 1	ST'KPRT 'A' A	0	0	MAR. 1	MAN. C. 'A' H	2	1				

* to be played at Vale Park.

Next Fixture at VALE PARK . . . v STOCKPORT COUNTY on THURSDAY, 10th APRIL, 1980, Kick off 7.00 p.m.

VALEITES FANFARE

Ian McPherson of Longton has summarized his most memorable season whilst following the Vale, and his memories are as follows:—

"My most memorable matches concerning Port Vale were embodied in an amazing season which saw the Vale slump 7-0, 5-0 on three occasions, 4-0 and 4-1 on some of their travels, yet came within a whisker of gaining promotion to the Second Division and almost humiliated Ron Greenwood's aristocratic West Ham United in an epic F.A. Cup tie. The 1972/73 Season incorporated the fighting qualities which had become synonymous with Vale. They fought back after a 7-0 setback at Rotherham to lead the table by September 9th.

20,000 people saw West Ham torn apart by a brilliant exhibition on the wing by Tommy McLaren. Frank Lampard, totally bewildered, retired early to be replaced by substitute left back, Clive Charles. He received the same treatment as McLaren continued the Vale onslaught. Tommy received a booking for his over-enthusiasm and Manager, Gordon Lee saw the situation boiling as West Ham hacked at Tommy in vain attempts to stop him. With Tommy on breaking point, Lee took the sensible option and withdrew Tommy. West Ham went on to win 1-0 and Tommy later said that it was his most memorable game.

As the final run in loomed, in March-April 1973, Gordon Lee produced a master stroke in the form of John Woodward, a £2,000 buy from Walsall — the only favour Walsall have bestowed to the Vale in Twenty years.

Woodward finished the season with nine goals in seventeen games.

The crowds at last came flooding back to Vale Park. 8,000 saw Vale defeat promotion



rivals Blackburn, 9,000 saw the draw against fellow challengers Notts County.

At Shrewsbury came one of Vale's most memorable games. 2-0 down inside 15 minutes the Vale hit back before half-time to lead 3-2 in devastating style. On that night Vale were determined not to be beaten — they were not.

The match that summed the season up, however, came at Swansea, leading by a goal from Sam Morgan in the process of which he broke his wrist and played the remainder of the game in agony. Vale had keeper Alan Boswell sent off with 30 minutes remaining. Brian Horton took over the green shirt but was protected so solidly that he hardly had a shot to save.

Vale's last chance came when champions Bolton equalised at five minutes to five on Easter Monday, 1972. Ugly scenes followed. Vale's memorable season lasted until the final kick."

Thanks for your contribution Ian. If you have anything of interest to recall, why not write in and record your details in this column.

TODAYS' REFEREE



K. McNALLY (South Wirral)

Mr. McNally commenced refereeing when he was 14 years of age and has graduated through various leagues to join the Football League full list in 1972. He was linesman for the 1974 F.A. Cup Semi Final between Burnley and Newcastle and for a European Cup Winners Match in 1989.

Mr. McNally is a married man with 4 children and runs his own tobacconists and newsagents business. He is a keen gardener, plays squash and attends a keep fit class at his local sports centre.

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GARWOOD Aldershot	22
KELLOCK Peterborough	22
PENN Walsall	21
ROBINS Huddersfield	20

CLUBS

HUDDERSFIELD	79
PORTSMOUTH	77
NEWPORT COUNTY	70

Last Saturday, the big shock of the day occurred at Fellows Park; Walsall who were the home side, were humbled 3-2 by Peterborough in front of the t.v. cameras. In fact, Peterborough were at one stage leading by 3 goals to 1. The result does not seem to have affected Walsall's chances of promotion, however, it has certainly pushed Peterborough within reach of the top 4. Wigan Athletic continued their fine run with a 3-1 win at Scunthorpe. David Shearer finished a memorable week with 2 more goals to add to his 3 in midweek.

Other surprises occurred at Bradford, where lowly York came away with a 2-1 win and at Lincoln where Portsmouth lost 1-0. After looking certain for promotion for so long, Portsmouth and Bradford have faltered of late and could well miss the boat this time round. It will be fair to say that after today's and tomorrow's games, the promotion picture will be considerably clearer.

Crewe picked up a point against fellow strugglers Darlington and it appears that they were unlucky not to win the game. Still to win away from home, this was Crewe's 5th away point of the season. Considering the fact that the promotion and re-election issues are far from over, attendances overall last Saturday were disappointing. The highest of the day was 5,704 at Walsall, followed by 5,036 at Bradford, 4,727 at Newport, 4,682 at Lincoln and 3,232 at Tranmere. The remaining six gates were below 3,000 and more signifi-

cantly, were lower than Altrincham's Alliance League attendance of 2,324 for the visit of Stafford Rangers. Altrincham's successful season, which sees them leading the Alliance League table must leave one or two league clubs looking anxiously over their shoulders.

We apologise if the information in this column seems dated, however, due to the printers' holidays, this programme has had to be published prior to our home game with Portsmouth.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	39	21	15	3	65	26	57
Huddersfield T.	38	20	11	7	79	40	51
Portsmouth	39	19	10	10	77	44	48
Newport County	37	21	6	10	70	42	48
Bradford City	38	19	10	9	65	47	48
Peterborough Utd.	39	19	9	11	53	38	47
Lincoln City	39	15	13	11	63	39	43
Wigan Athletic	37	17	9	11	61	54	43
Northampton T.	39	15	10	14	48	56	40
Aldershot	38	15	9	14	53	42	38
Torquay United	36	13	12	11	65	51	38
Hartlepool United	37	14	8	15	54	51	36
Tranmere Rovers	39	12	12	15	45	47	36
Halifax Town	37	13	10	14	36	45	36
Bournemouth	39	9	17	13	44	46	35
Doncaster Rovers	37	12	10	15	53	54	34
York City	38	12	9	17	38	71	33
Stockport County	38	11	10	17	57	71	33
Hereford United	38	10	11	17	34	44	31
PORT VALE	39	10	11	18	47	80	31
Scunthorpe Utd.	37	10	11	16	46	68	21
Darlington	39	7	18	16	42	62	27
Crewe Alex.	38	7	10	21	26	62	24
Rochdale	36	5	11	20	29	70	21

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Vale Park Profile



FULL NAME: John Joseph Fleming

BIRTHPLACE: Nottingham

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Oxford United, Lincoln City

MARRIED: Yes with one daughter

CAR: Vauxhall Viva

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Graeme Souness

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Notts County

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: No one in particular

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Lincoln City v Doncaster Rovers F.C. - Lincoln won 5-0 and gained promotion from the 4th Division.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Norway

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Fawlty Towers

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Paul Newman

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER: Graham Taylor (Formerly Manager of Lincoln City, now Manager of Watford).

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play football until I am 35

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